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MICHELLE BEHR IS MORRIS'S NEW CHANCELLOR

Michelle Behr, PhD, became the sixth chancellor of the University of Minnesota, Morris in February. Chancellor Behr succeeded Jacqueline R. Johnson, who retired after more than 10 years as Morris's chief executive.

"Michelle's broad experience in the liberal arts, deep commitment to students, and engagement in the broader higher education community make her an ideal person to lead the Morris campus," said University of Minnesota President Eric Kaler.

Chancellor Behr previously served as provost, senior vice president for academic affairs, and dean of the college at Birmingham-Southern College in Birmingham, Alabama. Prior to her arrival at BSC, she served variously as a faculty member, department chair, university assessment coordinator, and college dean at several public institutions of higher education.

"It is a great privilege to have been selected as Morris's next chancellor," said Behr. "I am committed to its mission as a public liberal arts college, and as I immerse myself in the campus and its culture, my passion for the university only deepens. I am excited to collaborate with the university community and friends to further the great work already taking place at Morris and together ensure a vibrant future."

Chancellor Behr earned her baccalaureate degree in anthropology with honors from the University of California, Santa Cruz, and her master's and doctoral degrees from Arizona State University in anthropology and geography, respectively. She is a three-time Fulbright Scholar and was selected as an American Council on Education Fellow in 2005–06.

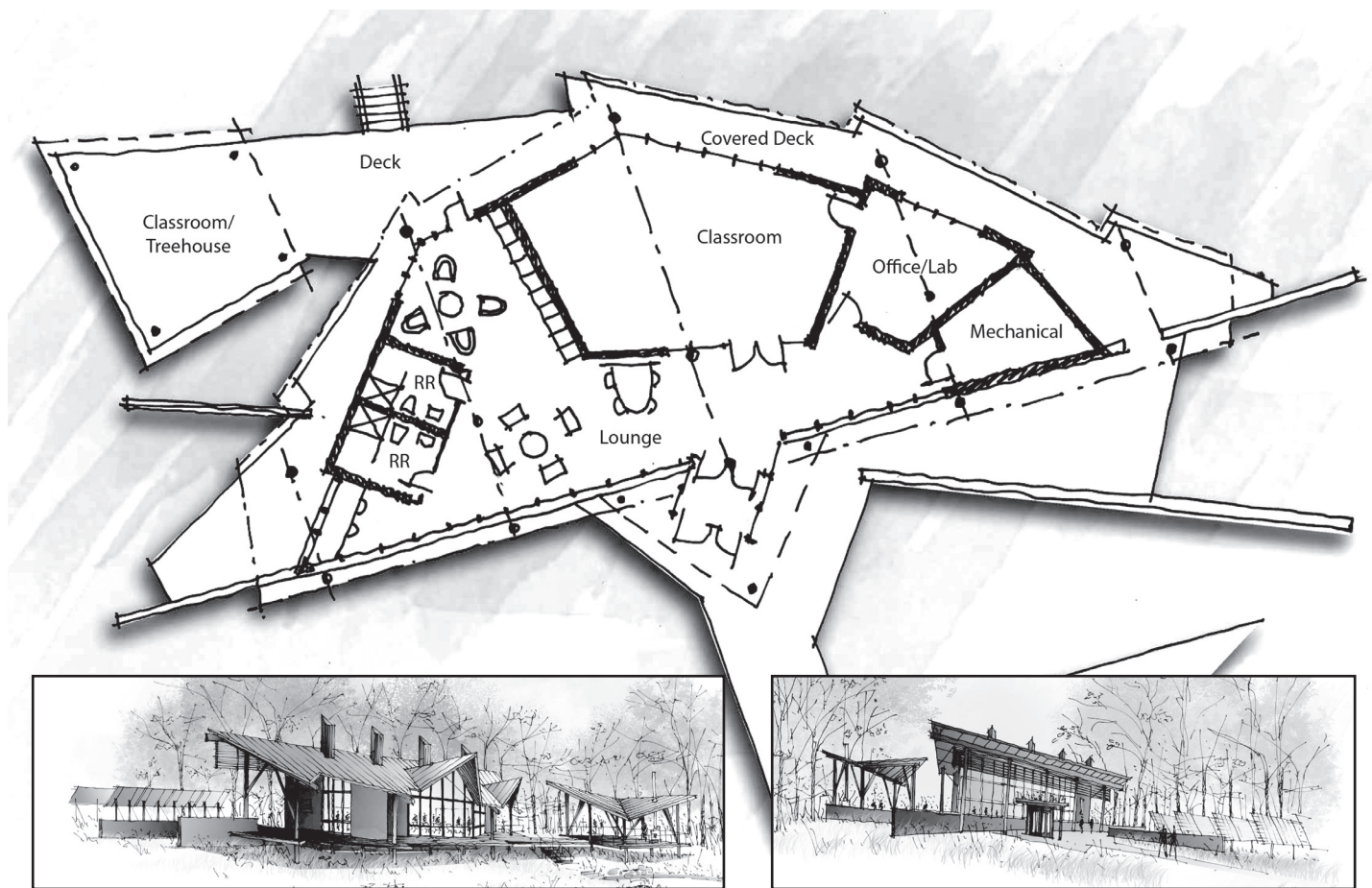
You can meet Chancellor Behr when you join your fellow Aggies on campus at the 2017 All-School Reunion: Saturday, July 15. For more details and an event schedule, keep reading!



“I am excited to collaborate with the university community and friends to further the great work already taking place at Morris and together ensure a vibrant future.”

—Chancellor Michelle Behr

**PUT THE 2017 ALL-SCHOOL REUNION ON YOUR CALENDAR!
SATURDAY, JULY 15, AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, MORRIS**



WISE USE OF A LIVING LABORATORY: THE PROPOSED ECOCENTER AT THE ECOSTATION

Thanks to the vision of generous donors, the University of Minnesota, Morris has the opportunity to create an environment where students will play a pivotal role in solving the problems facing our world; located in the heart of the west central region, this outdoor learning venue has the potential to make possible an array of education, research, and creative activities—everything from biology to creative writing.

The mission of the EcoStation is to provide a campus learning laboratory dedicated to promoting environmental stewardship through research, reflection, and discovery. Graced with ponds and prairie grasses, forest and farmland, these 140 acres outside Ashby are so much bigger than mere wide open space—they are the ideal setting for students to actively engage in environmental education.

Work already is underway at the EcoStation; faculty, staff, and students have used the space to conduct research on trees, hold creative writing and management classes, and more. The next phase of the project will be to construct the proposed EcoCenter facility.

With indoor and outdoor laboratory and classroom spaces for teaching and learning, the EcoCenter will foster a culture of exploration and innovation and contribute to an appreciation of and respect for the environment. The proposed EcoCenter will bring Morris one step closer to realizing its vision for the EcoStation as a fully operational, fully staffed, signature platform for the University of Minnesota, Morris in its quest to tackle today's grand challenges.

"This gift of pristine land allows Morris to create a model environment for living and learning," says Chancellor Michelle Behr. "We are committed to providing world-class opportunities for research, reflection, and discovery at the EcoStation. Completion of the EcoCenter will allow us to deliver on our promise."

To learn more about the EcoStation and EcoCenter, please contact Susan Schmidgall, chief development officer, at 320-589-6160 or sschmidg@morris.umn.edu.



GREETINGS FROM THE SENIOR DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS

Since January of 2004 I have had the privilege of serving the West Central School of Agriculture Alumni Association as the primary liaison between the WCSA Alumni Association and the University of Minnesota, Morris. What an AWESOME opportunity! Over these past 13 years I have taken much pleasure in learning the history of the WCSA and becoming familiar with the “family” it served so well for many years. You have likely heard me say that I admire the close bonds that were formed between Aggies while they were young people on the campus. I continue to marvel at how those bonds formed years ago continue to this day.

Because I have enjoyed my interactions with WCSA alumni very much, it is with mixed emotions that I share my plan to retire from Morris on June 30, 2017. I will take with me many wonderful memories, and I will miss the fine people who comprise the WCSA Alumni Association.

I am excited at the prospect of what the next chapter in my life will hold. I take comfort in the words of John F. Kennedy, who said, “Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.” Not wanting to miss out on whatever it is that the future holds for me, I am ready to make this change.

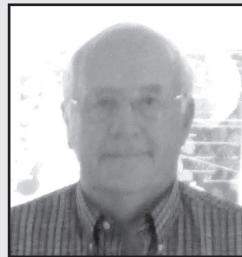
But before I go, I want to assure you that you will be in good hands upon my departure. The Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving staff have worked side-by-side with me for years. This team will be ready to assist the alumni association going forward. They look forward to seeing you at the all-school reunion on campus on Saturday, July 15.

Please know that the West Central School of Agriculture “Aggies” have made a profound and lasting impression on me for which I am, and will always be, grateful. Thank you.

Carla Riley '85

GREETINGS FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

As I start this letter to you, the alumni of WCSA, change becomes the focal point. Change is inevitable, and so we accept it as we continue our loyalty to the institution that gave us so much to guide us as we go through life. So it is that Carla Riley, senior director of external relations, is retiring June 30. We thank Carla for her many contributions to our association, and we welcome other members of the alumni relations and annual giving staff. Another change is that Morris has a new chancellor, Michelle Behr. We welcome her also.



I attended the winter reunion in Mesa, Arizona. More changes were noted; we were a smaller group than in the past. This change is inevitable as we age. The association is about 1,100 of 3,700 who attended WCSA. This present board will be challenged to make some changes for the good of the future of our association. As I have said before, for now we are in good shape monetarily. We have had enough participation at reunions to maintain a break-even program, but the newsletter is going to need financial help as we go forward.

Our annual garden planting of the memorial gardens will be May 25. Come help if you are close or looking for a visit to campus to wake up some good memories from the past at West Central. Just one trip around the Square will bring back some memories from your time spent there.

We look forward to our annual reunion on July 15. Details are in this issue of *WCSA AlumNEWS*. I encourage all former students to attend.

Tom Payne '60



Printed in the 1957 *Moccasin*, the above photo shows Principal Herbert G. Croom talking with two students. The caption with the photo reads, “No more LEVIS girls !!!”

Did you ever get in trouble for violating the dress code? Tell us about it, and we'll print your story in the next “In Your Words” section of *AlumNEWS*. This issue we didn't have any “In Your Words” submissions, and we missed it, so get writing, friends!

WINTER IN WARM PLACES



WCSA ARIZONA GATHERING 2017

Aggies, spouses, and friends from a variety of classes gathered at the View Point RV and Golf Resort in Mesa, Arizona, on February 13 for the annual WCSA Arizona reunion and brunch.

Seated: Ted Storck '54, Ardean Hauschild '53, Dave Schmit '51, Dennis Delzer '61, Carl Larson '59, Bob Torkelson '55, Larry Affield '59, LaVonne Van Wechel Fischer '56.

Row 2: Clifford Swift '46, Francis Sykora '57, Dennis Stock '57, Senior Director of External Relations Carla Riley '85, Ruby Torkelson '56, Phil Brunner '56, Bob Rolfe '45.

Row 3: Kermit Stahn '53, Lowell Thomsen '53, Daryl Johnson '57, Tom Payne '60, Orlan Kvistero '60, Sharon Gunderson Petersen '60, Harold Petersen '60, Dennis Van Wechel '54, Jerry Berger '55, Rick Storck '55, Dale Johnson '49.

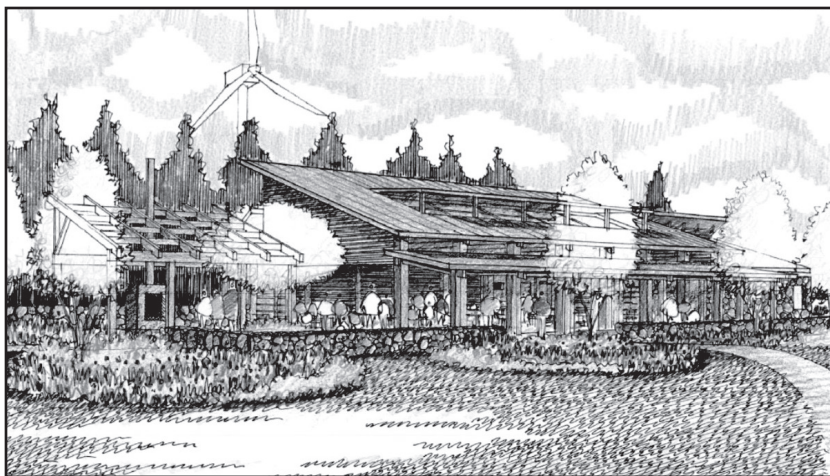


WCSA TEXAS REUNION 2017

West Central School of Agriculture alumni and friends also enjoyed food and fellowship at Gatti's Pizza in McAllen, Texas, on February 15.

First Row: Loran Maahs '56, Janice Finberg Frazier '56, Shirley Hagen Wendland '56, Barb Jorgensen Albertson '57, LaVonne Schmock Dupree '59, Gary Peterson '56.

Back Row: Lawrence Findlay '45, Charles Dupree '54, Doug Glesne '56, Allen Albertson '56, Jim Dewey '54.



BUILDING A GARDEN PAVILION AT THE WCROC

For more than 100 years the West Central Research and Outreach Center (WCROC) has conducted research and education around agricultural practices. WCROC works with farmers, rural leaders, industry professionals, and citizens to provide research and educational programming to local and global stakeholders.

As part of its mission and vision, WCROC hosts community education programs that serve thousands in the region. While the opportunity to expand WCROC programming is a real possibility, its current facilities cannot accommodate the growing demand. Staff are seeking to build a Garden Pavilion to enhance educational and outreach capabilities not only for WCROC, but also for the Morris community.

The proposed Garden Pavilion would include both indoor and outdoor seating accommodations for approximately 230 people, along with restrooms and a serving area. To optimize visitors' experiences, the Pavilion will be a three-season structure and open on three sides, allowing guests to take in the beauty of the garden while having protection from the elements.

The preferred site for the Pavilion is within the Horticulture Display Garden on a bluff overlooking the Pomme de Terre River Valley, adjacent to the Pomme de Terre Overlook and within walking distance to the Pomme de Terre River and City Park.

Expenses for the Pavilion are estimated at \$1.5 million. While WCROC has secured a portion of funding for this project, it is in need of more financial support.

Donations to the Pavilion project can be made online at z.umn.edu/givetothepavilion, or by mail: WCROC, Attn: Steve Poppe, 46352 State Hwy 329, Morris, MN 56267.

Direct questions to Steve Poppe at poppesr@umn.edu or 320-589-1711.



A calf at WCROC examines the camera.

UPCOMING WCSA EVENTS

APRIL 19

Top Performing Perennials
WCROC

MAY 1

Class of 1950 Gathering
Holiday Inn, Alexandria
noon

MAY 17

Drip Irrigation for Your Garden
WCROC

MAY 25

WCSA Alumni Garden Planting
University of Minnesota, Morris
9 a.m.

**WCSA Alumni Board
of Directors Meeting,**
Immediately following
garden planting

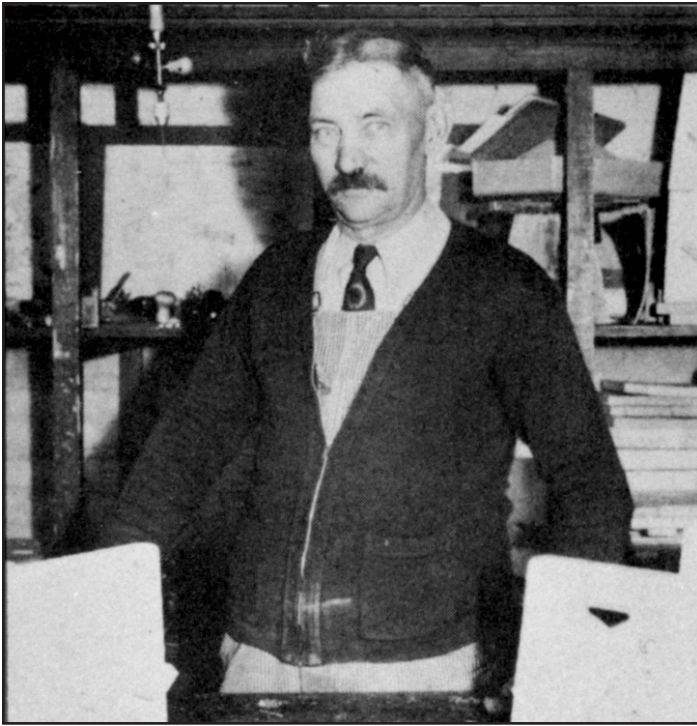
JULY 15

WCSA All-School Summer Reunion
University of Minnesota, Morris
noon

JULY 27

Horticulture Night
WCROC

CLASS NOTES



Instructor Julius Felt in 1940

Sidney P. Schmidt, PhD '46—who recently turned 89 years of age—was a missionary to southeast Asia from 1961 to 1993. During his missionary work Sidney learned a great deal from teaching tours near experiment farms in Mindanao, Philippines, and Dhaka, Bangladesh. The farm, “where the Gospel lives,” is under the direction of an agriculturist and provides university students with hands-on teaching-learning experience. Sidney fondly recalls the words of his former instructor Julius Felt, “Ve Lern [sic] by doing,” which influenced the way he learned while abroad. Sidney writes that he still has the cedar chest he made under Felt’s direction.

Sherwin Akerson '48 and **Lila Lampman Akerson '51** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in June 2016. The couple has two children, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Anna Gibson Rothi '50 and husband **John Rothi** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in Big Stone City, South Dakota. Several classmates from WCSA attended the celebration: **Audrey Rinke Jackson '50**, **Carmon Jackson '49**, **Jo Ann Redfield Anderson '50**, **Phyllis Thielke Harste '50**, and **Bertie Maus Sperr '50**. Anna’s children served a “wonderful reception” with delicious food, making their event a wonderful experience overall.

Audrey Rinke Jackson '50 and the rest of the Class of 1950 will be meeting at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria for lunch on May 1, 2017, at noon.

Pauline Aanerud Jellum '51 and **Milt Jellum '51** will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with a transatlantic cruise from Copenhagen to Cape Liberty, New Jersey. They will stop in northern Denmark, Norway, Shetland Islands, Iceland, and Newfoundland. Pauline and Milt have been traveling since they took their first overseas trip, driving through 12 European countries, in 1976. So far they have traveled to all 50 states, seven continents, and more than 100 countries. The Jellums have traveled extensively throughout Norway and Sweden to visit and research the sites of their ancestors.

Janice “Jan” Berg Arneson '55 received WCCO Radio’s “Good Neighbor” award for her charitable work with Pope County Families in Need, an organization she owns in partnership with her husband, **Dave Arneson '55**. The organization began as a project in college and has grown to a 37-year dedication to helping parents who need help securing jobs and families in need of food, clothes, medicine, or winter supplies. Jan receives donations from community members and says she couldn’t do it without their help.

Peter Torvik '56 writes that he has agreed to maintain the Class of 1956 roster. Please send address changes, contact information, and dates of life to torvikp@gmail.com.

Les Bensch '59 and **Dick Johnson '59** went to Cuba in January 2017 for fun and adventure.

Lyle Peterson '60 and wife Barb recently purchased a home in Sun City, Arizona. They will still spend their summers at their lake home at Eagle Lake.

FACULTY/STAFF

Rosella Dambow writes that she is “heading for the hills...the Black Hills that is.” After a difficult year of a right knee injury, leg injury, black eye, and downsizing homes, she is ready for a change.

FONDLY REMEMBERED

James “Jim” M. Burnett ’40, Morris, passed away October 2016. Jim loved farming, dancing, card games, visiting relatives and good friends, listening to western and country music, and spending time with his grandchildren.

Charles Bethke ’42, Redwood Falls, passed away December 2015. Charles enlisted in the US Marine Corps two years after graduating from WCSA and served in the Pacific Marshall Islands and Okinawa during WWII. In 1946 he was honorably discharged. Charles married Elva Stuber in 1951, and the couple raised their six children together near Morton, where Charles farmed. He loved handyman jobs such as carpentry and bricklaying. Some of Charles’s favorite hobbies were reading, history, sports, and music, especially country western and polka. He is survived by his wife, Elva; six children; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Dorothy Mesenbrink Erdman ’42, Morris, passed away January 2017. Dorothy was a member of Our Redeemer’s Lutheran Church, Ladies Aid, and the Morris American Legion Auxiliary. Her hobbies included dancing, reading, gardening, crocheting, and playing the piano, accordion, and guitar—all by ear. Above her hobbies, Dorothy enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She is survived by three children, five grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Hazel Leone Benz Dare ’43, Troy, Montana, passed away September 2015. Hazel was born in Lincoln County during the Great Depression. She married her husband of 62 years in 1953 in Norfolk, Virginia. Hazel loved gardening during the summer and sewing during the winter. She also enjoyed sharing her rich experience and knowledge with others along with exemplifying her love for the Lord through her calm spirit and quiet strength. Hazel is survived by her son and daughter, three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Garner William Schmidt ’46, Wheaton, passed away January 2017. Garner worked on his family farm after his honorable medical discharge from the US Army. He and his wife, Marsala, married in 1956 and raised their family on their farm. In addition to running his family

farm, Garner also owned and operated the International Harvester Implement in Wheaton, from which he never retired. Garner liked golfing, spending time with his dog, and avidly watching RFD-TV and political TV news. His family writes, “he was quite satisfied with the most recent election results.” Garner is survived by his four children and eight grandchildren.

Lloyd Edward Mohr ’47, Morris, passed away November 2016. Lloyd spent most of his life on his family farm, which he took control of in 1947. He enjoyed fishing, playing baseball, going to the “Hunting Shack” during deer hunting season, and driving around the countryside to look at the crops. Lloyd is survived by one son, three daughters, nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Oliver Ervin “Tolly” Tollefson ’47, Fair Oaks, passed away June 2015. His daughter writes: “He was born January 15, 1930, in Benson and married Jean Lee in 1950. He served in the US Air Force and spent 15 years working for North American and Rocketdyne on the Apollo space program. After a sales career he retired to give his time and talents to his church and helping other people with their projects and repairs. Tolly was a jack of all trades and could fix anything. He loved spending time with his family and friends and was also an avid sportsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing.” His wife of 64 years, Jean; three daughters; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren are left to cherish his memory.

Leone Summer Grinager ’48, Brooklyn Park, passed away June 2016.

Rodney Christianson ’48, Elbow Lake, passed away January 2016. Rodney was drafted into the US Army shortly after graduating from WCSA. Rodney and his wife, Patricia Ann, moved with their children to Fort Worth, Texas, where he was stationed for 16 months. After an honorable discharge they moved back to Elbow Lake, and Rodney returned to school to study auto body repair. Rodney was a very active man; his hobbies included snowmobiling, four-wheeling, fishing, and traveling. His jokester personality is left to be cherished by his six daughters, 15 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and one great great-grandchild.

Ronald Christianson '48, Grant County, was buried February 2016. Ronald served in the US Army Artillery after graduating from WCSA. He married his wife, Julianne, in April 1953, and the two lived and raised their three children in Grant County. Ronald loved farming, snowmobiling, golfing, John Deere equipment, and meeting and visiting people. He is survived by his children, granddaughter, sisters-in-law, step brother-in-law, and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Chester Cordell Larson '51, Donnelly, passed away January 2017. Chester graduated salutatorian from WCSA and worked on his family farm in Donnelly Township shortly after his graduation. In 1954 Chester married his loving wife, Gloria, and the two made their home on the family farm, where Chester devoted his talents until the time of his death. In addition to his farming talents, Chester had a beautiful singing voice, which he used in his church choir and men's quartet at Kongsvinger Lutheran Church. Talking about farming, making krumkake, and supporting Morris Tiger athletics were amongst his many hobbies. Chester's wife, Gloria; his children; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren are left to cherish his memory.

Judith "Judy" Johnson Nelson '51, Morris, passed away December 2016. Judy married her husband, Leonard, in 1952. The couple worked on their farm, where they raised beef and dairy cattle, until their retirement in the 1980s. Judy enjoyed hobbies such as knitting, crocheting, embroidery, sewing, rug making, and gardening. She was a member of the Stevens County Homemakers and the Alberta Wildlife Federation. Judy's beautiful soul will be missed greatly by her two siblings, four children, seven grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Basil R. Hartman '52, Parkers Prairie, passed away September 2016. Following his education at WCSA, Basil went on to serve the US Army from 1955 to 1957 and to marry his wife, Patricia, in 1959. They had seven children throughout the course of their marriage. Basil worked on his family farm for 47 years in addition to working for SunOpta in Alexandria until his retirement in 2007. Basil served on Sacred Heart Catholic Church's board for 15 years. He enjoyed his visits with family and friends, especially his wife, children, and grandchildren.

Shirley Walz Stortroen '57, White Bear Lake, passed away September 2016. She is survived by her husband, Robert; one daughter; three grandchildren; sister **Ruth Walz Ball '53**; and brothers **Robert Walz '55** and **Donald Walz '62**.

Denis Weeding '58, passed away December 2016 at the Mayo Clinic in Phoenix, Arizona, as a result of surgery complications. Denis will be greatly missed by his loving wife, JoAnne; five children; 21 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; one sister and one brother **Stanley Weeding '55**.

Harlan Ernst '60, Fergus Falls, passed away May 2016. Harlan served in the US Air Force at an air force base in Texas before attending community college in Illinois. Harlan has worked with sheet metal workers, operated the ready mix plant, and worked as an over-the-road owner and operator truck driver. He enjoyed flying, airplanes, vintage cars, reading, web surfing, and building houses.

William "Bill" Allen Wulff '61, Big Stone City, passed away August 2016. Bill enjoyed outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing, and farming. He worked on the farm until his retirement in 1990; after retiring he worked as a gravel truck driver. Bill will be remembered by his four children, 12 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and one sister for his gracious heart.

A Friend

One who knows you through and through,
Understands the things you do,
Tells all others the best of you—
That's a friend!

One who sits with you and chats,
Does nothing more than chew the fats,
When all you talk about is hats—
That's a friend!

One you tell all your troubles to,
Understands them through and through,
Laughs them all off with you—
That's a friend!

—Jane Melchert
printed in the 1947 *Moccasin*

CLASS NEWS AND "IN YOUR WORDS"

WCSA alumni love reading Class News, so please send us your updates! Mail us a letter, give us a call, or send us an email about your careers, families, travels, hobbies, activities, and WCSA memories. We will include your news in the next *AlumNEWS* issue. The deadline for submission is August 15, 2017.

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2017 WCSA ALL-SCHOOL REUNION SCHEDULE

11 a.m. until noon

Registration

Student Center

Noon

Brunch

Student Center, Oyate Hall

Business meeting to follow

2 p.m.

Coffee and Cookies

Student Center, Oyate Hall

At your leisure

Visit the WCSA Alumni Garden

For more information
regarding the WCSA All-school
Reunion, see the following page.



Remaining rooted in our agricultural past: Morris students participated in The Soul Food Monologues in March, discussing the importance of food and where it comes from.

2017 WCSA ALL-SCHOOL REUNION INFORMATION

PARKING/SHUTTLE SERVICE

All on-campus parking is free throughout the reunion. Parking around the campus mall near the Student Center will be restricted to vehicles with handicapped plates and permits, providing approximately 20 handicapped parking spots in the mall area.

Complimentary golf-cart shuttle service will be provided from the North and West Parking Lots to the Student Center, where the 2017 All-School Reunion will be held.

If you have special transportation needs, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving at alumni@morris.umn.edu or 320-589-6066.

LODGING INFORMATION

MORRIS HOTELS

GrandStay Hotel and Suites—320-585-4000
or 855-455-7829

Hotel 200—320-589-3030

Morris Motel—320-589-1212

Super 8 Motel—320-589-8888
or 1-800-800-8000

Blocks of rooms have been reserved at GrandStay, Hotel 200, and the Super 8 Motel in Morris. Please request “WCSA Reunion” before Wednesday, July 5.

RV PARKING

On Campus

Free parking for self-contained recreational vehicles is available in all campus parking lots—the East Parking Lot has the most shade and is the largest, quietest area. No water or electrical hookups.

Pomme de Terre Park

RVs are welcome at Pomme de Terre Park on a first-come, first-served basis. The cost is \$15 per night without electricity/\$20 per night with electricity. Please register at the registration stand in the park. Water and bathrooms are available; water hookups are not. For more information, please call 320-589-3141.

REUNION ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLASS OF 1947 REUNION

The Class of 1947 will celebrate its 70th reunion on Saturday, July 15. Tables will be reserved for the brunch in Oyate Hall on campus. A letter to classmates has been sent with more information about the brunch on campus and also about the evening buffet downtown. Our evening buffet will be at Old Number One in downtown Morris at 5 p.m. Since this is an all-school reunion all are welcome. Old Number One requires advance registration of \$12.95 per person by July 5. Please make check payable to Old Number One and mail it to Avanelle Gray, 208 Ashley Lane, Alexandria, MN 56308. If you have questions, contact Avanelle at 320-762- 8749 or agray50@charter.net.

CLASS OF 1961 REUNION

Dennis Delzer and Patricia Lesmeister Nelson invite their 1961 classmates to join them on campus to celebrate the WCSA All-School Reunion on Saturday, July 15. Tables will be reserved for the noon brunch in Oyate Hall for the classmates planning on coming for the all-school gathering on campus. Arrangements are also in place for the class to enjoy an evening dinner together at Old Number One on Atlantic Avenue in Morris. We will order from the menu, but reservations would be helpful. To RSVP for the evening dinner, contact Patricia at 320-585-1935 or pattysings43@fedtel.net.

CLASS OF 1962 REUNION

Can it possibly be 55 years since we left WCSA? Let's celebrate together on Saturday, July 15. Tables will be reserved for the brunch in Oyate Hall on campus. A letter to classmates has been sent with more information about the brunch on campus and also about the evening dinner event. We will join other Aggies at Old Number One in downtown Morris at 5 p.m. for a buffet dinner. Old Number One requires advance registration of \$12.95 per person by July 5. Avanelle Gray from the Class of '47 is handling the arrangements with the restaurant. Please make your check payable to Old Number One and mail it to Avanelle, 208 Ashley Lane, Alexandria, MN 56308. If you have other questions regarding the reunion, feel free to contact Diane and Mike Madsen at dimimadsen@yahoo.com.

2017 WCSA ALL-SCHOOL REUNION REGISTRATION

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2017

If you plan to attend the reunion, please return this form by Friday, July 7, 2017. Please make checks payable to the University of Minnesota, Morris. If you do not plan to attend the reunion, please use this form to update your address or to send a donation.

Return this form with your check(s) and updated address information to:

Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving, Welcome Center, 600 East Fourth Street, Morris, Minnesota 56267

Name(s) for nametag(s) _____ Class(es) _____

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Street _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

WINTER ADDRESS (IF APPLICABLE)

Street _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

2017 WCSA REUNION REGISTRATION

Registration Fee

\$6 per person for reunion materials
and other miscellaneous costs. (Please enclose
\$12 if you are bringing a guest.)

Registration Fee \$ _____

Noon Brunch*

\$16 per person
(\$19 if not pre-registered by 7/7)
Please reserve _____ (quantity) meals
at \$16 each.

\$ _____

Coffee and Cookies

NO CHARGE

Total Registration \$ _____

*If you have special dietary concerns, please contact Alumni Relations and Annual Giving at alumni@morris.umn.edu or 320-589-6066.

GIFT

I ☐ will ☐ will not

be attending the All-Classes Reunion, and I have enclosed a gift
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☐ WCSA AlumNEWS \$ _____
(#4634)

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(#5616)

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(given to WCSA and UMM legacy students)
(#3910)

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the EcoStation
(#21163)

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(#2094)

☐ Allen W. Edson Award \$ _____
(#5757)

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(#20565)

☐ WCSA Class of '56 Scholarship \$ _____
(#5166)

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